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Spreckels Lake

Established 1898

Golden Gate Park

May 2024 Schedule (preview)

04	Saturday	1300	Star 45 Class
05	Sunday	1100-1500	Bottle Class Practice Nor Cal Interclub Championship Foster City Radio Sailing Club
11	Saturday	0930 1300	Board / General Meeting X Class Tofte Cup
12	Sunday		(Open) Mother's Day
14	Tuesday	1300	ODOM Class
15	Wednesday	1200	Victoria Class
18	Saturday	1300	Freesail M Class Pacific Sail & Power Expo
19	Sunday	1300	Wheeler class Pacific Sail & Power Expo
25	Saturday		(Open) Memorial Day Weekend
26	Sunday		(Open) Memorial Day Weekend

Red=RC sailing, Green=Freesailing, Blue=Powerboat sailing

Check the SFMYC webpage for the complete updated PDF 2024 calendar. www.SFMYC.org

Advise us of your new address when moving! sfmycnauticalnews@gmail.com
For input to the Calendar, contact Ryan Schofield at rssailor@yahoo.com

June 2024 Schedule (preview)

01	Saturday	1300	Infinity 54 class
02	Sunday	1300	Freesail M class Invitational
08	Saturday	0930	Board / General Meeting
		1300	36R- Jeff & Mike Stobbe
09	Sunday	1300	Bruce Ettinger Bottle Class Regatta
11	Tuesday	1300	ODOM Class
15	Saturday	1300	10 Rater class
16	Sunday		(Fathers' Day)
19	Wednesday	1200	Victoria Class
22	Saturday	1300	Star 45 class
23	Sunday	1300	Skippers Cup all Freesail
		0930	Tug Boat Day
29	Saturday	1300	Santa Barbara class Col. Bart Cup
30	Sunday	1300	X Class Moyes Cup



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Commodore's Corner
Rob Weaver, Commodore

On April 21st, Ken Knipmeyer started the Power Squadron season off getting a strong turn-out for the first Power Squadron event of the year. I don't know if it was the free food, the warm day or the relief that tax returns were done and filed earlier in the week – but a legion of power boaters crowded around the south side of Spreckels. Something good happened at the lake that bears repeating. Ken is already hard at work planning for the Model Boats on Parade later in the year, so plan on supporting the club with an appearance at that event. All boats will be welcome at this year's MBOP, including sailboats.

YOUR MOTHER DIDN'T RENEW HER MEMBERSHIP.

While everyone was having fun at the Power Squadron season kick-off, we failed to notice that "your mother" didn't renew her membership. This means that if you still think your mother will pick up after you at the clubhouse, wipe your nose and tell you what a good boy or girl you are, expect to be disappointed. More importantly, if you expect "your mother" to tidy up behind you and dump trash from the club, prepare to have your expectations dashed. Consequently, we need to clean up ourselves. If you bring food into the club for an event, make sure the trash and left overs are removed. If you bring boxes, papers and other items that need to be thrown away, take responsibility for discarding them. We do not have a janitorial or trash service at the club. Items to be thrown away can, when possible, be discarded in Rec & Parks trash cans, but sometimes we just have to bag the trash and bring it home and add it to our personal trash cans. If you see a container at the club overflowing, empty it – your mother is no longer going to do it.

BOAT SHOW. Ryan Schofield and Gene Ericksen are heading up the committee to organize our participation at the Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show at Westpoint Harbor in Redwood City on May 18 and 19th Go to <https://pacificboatshow.com> .

In order for this to work, the club needs volunteers to man our booth and bring boats to display and sail at the event. If you can, please volunteer by contacting Ryan and/or Gene as soon as possible. Ryan can be reached at rssailor@yahoo.com. Gene can be reached at ewe54@yahoo.com. This event will draw huge crowds and will be an excellent time to promote the club and model boating.

DONATED STEAMSHIP. Last month I noted the donation of a pretty spectacular steamship that was being made available to a member willing to nurse it back to health. At the last general meeting I announced that it was available to anyone, and further announced that Rick Weiss had already stepped forward and was eager to put his name in the hat for the boat. Not only did no one else make a claim for the boat, but with resounding enthusiasm the membership announced that the boat should go to Rick. So, we can all now look forward to Rick's renovation and first voyage on Spreckels.

THIRD ANNUAL NC CHALLENGE. The third annual NC Challenge Regatta between all the Northern California model boat clubs will be held in Foster City on May 5th. Each club can send 3 members to compete, and the scores of the best 2 team members will be added to compute the club's final score. In case of a tie, each team's third member scores will be the deciding factor of who wins the regatta. This year SFMYC is sending Dick Hunter, Jim Harrold and your slow, but enthusiastic, commodore to compete. The boat of choice this year is the DF 95. SFMYC now has a fleet of at least 12 DF 95s and even our Power Squadron Officer, Ken Knipmeyer, has gone to the "dark side". He recently purchased a DF 95 and will join the fleet as soon as he figures out how to make the boat go forward without a motor. We are hoping to be victorious, but the excellent teams from Foster City and the North Bay are going to make that a difficult proposition. If you have nothing else to do on the 5th, wander down to Leo J. Ryan Park in Foster City to support your team.

BOTTLE BOATS. If racing is a mystery to you, on May 5th you have the option of coming to the club and watching and volunteering for the Bottle Boat practice session on Spreckels. Volunteers and mentors are always needed. I guaranty that if you just watch the new boats and enthusiasm of the participants, you will have a great day. It is a whole lot more fun and certainly more productive than watching re-runs of "Gunsmoke" or the latest golf tournament on television. Plus, it will be an excellent excuse to avoid mowing the lawn, repairing the washing machine, painting a bedroom or having brunch with your in-laws.

Membership Report, April 2024

by Mike Stobbe, Membership Secretary

We gained two new Senior Members last month, and both attended the April meeting and introduced themselves. Jack Hockle lives in Walnut Creek and was introduced to the sport by Life Member Jim Forbes. Jack has no experience of model yachting, but wants to learn radio sailing, and is planning to buy a Victoria. Jim McClellan lives in Centennial, Colorado, and was introduced to the club by member Kate Ettinger. Jim flies for United Airlines, and is in San Francisco several times a month. He's an RC airplane builder, and thought he'd try out model yachting. He owns a Sea Wind model yacht, and he has purchased a Santa Barbara from member Jim Harrold. We welcome both to the San Francisco Model Yacht Club.

The club currently has 152 members, with the following breakdown:

- 17 Life Members
- 121 Senior Members
- 11 Associate Members
- 3 Junior Members

Events

Save the Date: 4th Annual Bruce Ettinger Bottle Yacht Regatta, June 9th

By Kate Ettinger & Colleen Stobbe

Come cheer on the bottle boats at the 4th Annual Bruce Ettinger Bottle Yacht Regatta at 1pm on Sunday, June 9, 2024.

Bottle boats are homemade model yachts– built from recycled bottles, donated sailing supplies, found objects, and low cost materials. Bottle boats are a great way for novice sailors of all ages, especially youth, to experience the joy of model yacht sailing.

Bottle yacht regatta races are open to anyone who builds a bottle yacht per race guidelines available on our website:

www.bottleyachtregatta.org



Thank you to SFMYC members who have donated supplies for our bottle sailors. SFMYC members who would like to volunteer and/or who plan to join us for lunch at the regatta, please email to let us know by Monday, June 3: bottleyachtregatta@gmail.com

To sign up for ongoing updates on bottle activities: www.bottleyachtregatta.org

Model Boats on Parade -- SAVE THE DATE September 15th

by Ken Kenipmeyer, PSO

Recently you got an email on expanding Model Boats on Parade to feature both **Sail and Power**. Here is more with an emphasis on what volunteers we need. We have an opportunity to make this a premier Club wide event, celebrating our 126th anniversary, engaging the public, and showcasing the full range of what we do.

Initial feedback from the board and members has been positive. We'd still like to hear from more people about how to make the event a success. Yes, it is ambitious, but let's see what we can do! Here is an updated summary about the event concept, followed by what volunteers we need.

One Club, Two Lakeside Display Areas

- Sail Displays around Turtle Cove
- Power Displays on Southern Side
- Sail and Power Operations in separate designated areas to avoid conflict
- MBOP Featured Models

Sail & Power

- RC Power models
- Static craftsman ship models
- Bench-top marine/steam engines
- Submarine

Questions for the Club

We need direction from Sail leaders concerning several areas:

Are we inviting other Sail clubs to exhibit special example Sailboats?

Are we inviting other Sail clubs to sail their boats or race in some fashion with us?

Do we want to pursue corporate sponsors? (DF 95, Harbor Models, etc.)

Participant and Public Outreach

We need to identify contacts to attract both participants and the public. These areas are critical, and somewhat independent.

First, we need to work to either create our own content (displays) or attract other Club and hobbyists to bring display material. In addition, we need to do a good job publicizing the event to the public or media so that we have strong attendance to appreciate our show!

Please let me know your thoughts, and what you can do to help. Thank you.

Highlighted in **GREEN** are individual volunteer projects we need SFMYC club members to sign up for, and lead that exhibit or participation area. At the end the volunteer areas are organized into a sign-up list with open spots for what we need.

Event Publicity

Outreach to the public, other Clubs, and key past participants

Display Tables

SFMYC: Popup Tent Center Stage: Who we are, Our legacy, Calendar of Events

Sail Exhibits Freesail & RC

Sail Vintage and Classic: Displays of some of our beautiful sailing yachts

What is Yacht Racing and How we do it

Racing Classes:

Display of Freesail Class models

Display of RC Class models

Victoria Table—Approachable way to start sailing

Bottle Boats—Approachable way to start building and experimenting

Sail Yacht *under construction*

Power Exhibits

Power Boat Exhibitors (Club members and event participants)

Static Models (traditional Ship Models, non-RC)

RC Submarines (Outreach to Sacramento)

Live Steam Marine/Other engines

Bonnie Boat Story (Newcomer builds a craftsman boat under mentorship)

Power Boat *under construction*

Operating Events

Power Boat Parade (Power Boat area, event participants)

Sail Racing or Demonstrations (Sailing area, club members)

Fun Sailing and Power boating in respective areas (event attendees?)

Have a Go! (Club members help the public run a simple boat)

Bottle Boat Sail (Bottle Builders show what they've done and demo)

Clubhouse Tours (A jaw dropping treasure that delights visitors)

Day of Event Operations

Setup (Stanchions, bring out Club display tables, set up sound system)

Registration

Power Parade MC

Power Parade operations (stage manage participants)

Club House tour Docents

The sign-up sheet will be available online and in the clubhouse.

Here is a link to the online one: [SFMYC Volunteer Sign Up](#)

“Open” means we need volunteer(s).

Area	Project	Notes	SFMYC Volun	
Displays	SFMYC: Who We Are	Club overview, history, calendar	Open	
	Vintage and Classic Sailboats	Some examples, teaser for Clubhouse tour	Open	
	What is Sail Racing	general overview of Freesail and RC racing	Open	
	Freesail Class examples	one of each, more in the clubhouse	Open	
	RC Class examples	one of each, more in the clubhouse	Open	
	Victoria Racing	display of Victoria boat, how to get started	Open	
	Bottle Boats and Demo	how to get started building, demo?	Open	
	Sailboat <i>under construction</i>	a build in progress	Open	
	Power Boats (event participants)	traditional exhibits from event attendees	NA	
	Static Models	from event attendees	NA	
	RC Submarines	Sacramento Submarine Club	NA	
	Live Steam Benchtop demos	Concord Model Engineers, others	NA	
	Bonnie Boat Story	Bonnie, Her boat, and how it happened	Open	
	Power Boat <i>under construction</i>	Power Boat work in progress	Open	
Operating Events				
	Power Boat Parade MC	Voice of the parade	Open	
	Power Boat Parade Stage Manager	work with participants to organize parade flight	Open	
	Sail Racing Demonstrations	To be decided	Open	
	Open Fun Sailing Time?	to be decided	Open	
	Open Fun Power running time?	to be decided	Open	
	Have a Go!	help public run a boat	Open	Open
	Clubhouse Tours	Show off our House!	Open	Open
Setup and Take Down				
	Set up Stanchions		Open	Open
	Take Down Stanchions		Open	Open
	Bring out Club tables from clubhouse		Open	Open
	Sound System	rent one? And set it up	Open	
	Advance Registration		Open	
	Day of Registration		Open	Open
Participant Outreach				
	Power Boat Exhibitors	Initial and Followup	Open	
	Targeted personal outreach to past participants with special boats		Open	Open
	Sacramento Model Shipwrights		Open	
	Redwoods Model Shipwrights		Open	
	Sacramento Submarine Club		Open	
	Los Angeles Power Clubs		Open	
	Portland Model Boat Association		Open	
	Northwest Ship Modelers		Open	

Area	Project	Notes	SFMYC Volun
Participant Outreach (Cont'd)			
	Static Traditional Ship Model	Initial and Followup	Open
	South Bay Model Shipwrights		Open
	Hyde Street Pier Model Shipwrights		Open
	Ship Modelers Association (Anaheim)		Open
	Live Steam/Benchtop Engines	Initial and Followup	Open
	Concord Model Engineers		
	Sail Racing Clubs/Organizations	Initial and Followup	Open
	Sacramento Model Yacht Club		Open
	North Bay Model Yacht Club		Open
	San Diego Argonauts		Open
	AMYA		Open
	Recommendations?		Open
Public Outreach			
	SFMYC Web Page	Initial and Followup	Open
	SF Parks and Recreation E News		Open
	SSMA (Scale Ship Modelers Association)		Open
	RC Groups Sail and Power Sections		Open
	Local Newspapers		Open
	Craigslist		Open
	Free Things to do in SF		Open
	Hobby Shops		Open

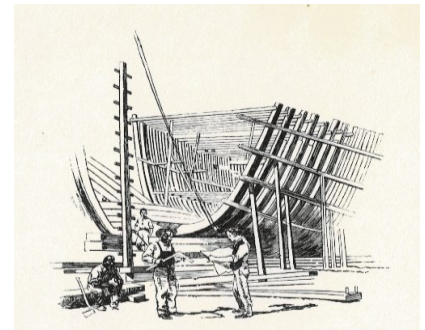
Thank you, Ken Knipmeyer -- knip@knipmeyer.net -- 415.500.1371

The Workshop

WW 2 British Reconnaissance Steamer – Donation

text & photos by Rick Weiss, Nautical News Editor

The meticulously made 1971 model of a WW2 British Reconnaissance Cruiser, Z 25, with a crane-launched, amphibious-bomber (similar to the Fairey Seafox), by T. W. Skillington, was donated to the Club recently. And I threw my name into the hat for the drawing.



WW2 British reconnaissance boat, Z 25, with amphibious bomber, by T. W. Skillington

Upon winning the raffle (well, apparently no one else entered), I immediately carefully, opened up the "New," old steam boat, like a kid at Christmas, to see inside the most complex, 2 cylinder, "articulated, wobbly-valved," hand-made steam engine system ever – an engineering and machinist's marvel. The original electronics appear to have been upgraded in about 1995, plus a recent gas canister upgrade.

Luckily, a neighbor, John Davis, (recently retired from the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, physics/electronics-lab) now works on and engineers the tiny steam trains at the 'Golden Gate Live Steamers' club, on the miniature tracks, in the Berkeley hills. And, he has a machine shop in his garage.

He recognized the wobbly steam valve system; complex 2 tank water recovery; electronic fan cooling; ancient 1990s, transmitter & servos (upgraded to LiPo batteries); alternate air, water, electrical and gas dockside-systems; alternate manual water recovery pump; electronically-controlled live-steam whistle; electronic exhaust fan; steam turbine powered generator; several other left-in-place, unknown & abandoned systems, hand-machined fittings, and a 1/2 dozen tiny steam & water valves -- some unknown, inaccessible or frozen.

Handmade, wobbly-valved, 2 cylinder, steam engine, boiler & water recovery system, etc..



These all crammed into the tight engine, battery, fuel, electronic control, electrical switching, cooling and whistle compartments, along with the handmade-steam engine, piping, valving systems and other hidden & unknown wiring, piping & forever-sealed "black box" compartments. No wonder some skeptics at the club thought it would sink from its own weight!

So, although I so-far got the ancient transmitter & servos to actually work (!), I next need to get the gas & boiler system going for the steam "engine" to run. Thus, although the boat has miraculously fallen into "guiding hands," it will be a while before I can get it running and into-the-water -- other than to check the hull for leaks; or sinking from its own weight—it appears to have several air tight floatation compartments.

More progress installments forthcoming over the next months... or years.

In the meantime, if anyone has a lead on the name, phone or email of the generous doners, so I can ask a few questions (there was an info card, but I didn't find it in the big box of extra boiler parts), please contact me at EdSFMYC@sonic.net Thanks to all, - Rick.

Power Squadron Report

Power Boat Opening Day 2024

text & photos by Ken Knipmeyer, PSO

Under sunny skies and high spirits, the Power Squadron and friends had Opening Day on April 21. Attendance was strong with 18 Club members and 10 guests (“Irregulars”, and boating friends of Club members).

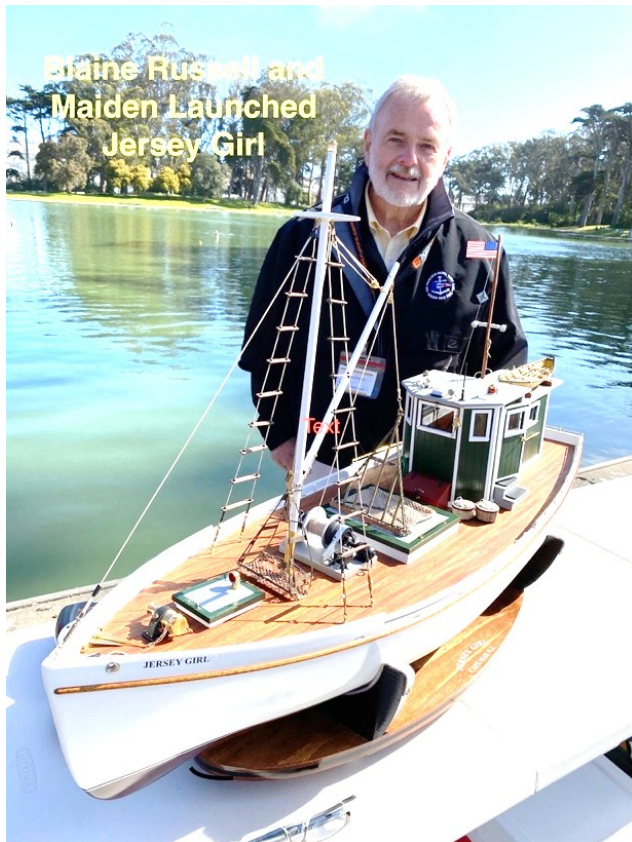


The early hours were a bit cool, but by 11am the sun was strong, and the steam was rising.

After some morning running, the group gathered for two recognitions.

The first was a special welcome to Bonnie Toy, builder of the beautiful lobster yacht, under the mentoring of Blaine Russell and Ken Valk. Bonnie came with husband Anson and new son Mason. We saluted her example of new blood coming into our hobby, and what excellent building can be done by a newcomer. We’re not just all old guys.

The second highlight was the maiden launch of Blaine’s Jersey Girl scallop dragger; an exemplary scratch build with his customary super detailing. We opened some champagne, wetted her bow and wished her fair seas. Look for her at Frostbite 2025.



We also acknowledged how it was important that we consider ourselves a power boat community, Club members and not. *Save the Date for Sept 15 Model Boats on Parade* was encouraged for all. An imminent outreach effort to other clubs and the public was noted.

Club stalwarts Dave Sands, Rick Weiss, Gene Ericksen, Lee Duvall, and Jim Forbes were there. Jim Forbes added to his “will drive any distance for boats honors”, to include. “I’ll also come even with a wrenched back”. Gerry Bowen unfortunately topped that and was in the IC due to some health issues but was there in spirit. Rob Weaver and Colleen Stobbe dropped by to say hi and support the group.

Dual club members Randy Smith, Cameron Wilder and Ron Weyhrauch (Redwoods and SFMYC) brought their fine crafts. Cameron’s Star 45 graced the area with the power boats.

More recent Club members Dennis Hodges, and Don Savage, and Keven Kentner were there. Dennis had a very nice Chris Craft he built, and we talked a bit about organizing some building workshops/shop talk events.



Dave Gallagher led the Steamers, bringing two of his beautiful models along with steamer friends Tony Wheeler and Bill Korn. It was great to see Jeff and Karen Brooks come out and play. Steam was also raised by Rich Rosales, Dan Gomez, Ken Johnsen, and Ken Knipmeyer. Knipmeyer’s steam launch never made it off the bench due to some gremlins, but his fishing trawler got off the dock.

Dan Gomez’s impressive gas cabin cruiser raised a good wake. Julio was smiling and running as always. Bill VanAsdlen ran a beautiful Workboat.





Paul McKenzie came, ran his craft and asked for more. Bridget Duvall and Laura Knipmeyer came to keep their skippers out of trouble.



Midday, we enjoyed lunch together, and then returned to the joy of boating on Spreckels Lake. Join us for more fun on Tug Day June 23 and the Annual Steam Up October 20. And of course, **Model Boats on Parade Sept 15.**



Freesail Squadron Reports

by Bernard Price, FSO

Sailing in the in the early and late season can be a real mixed bag in terms of weather conditions we are offered and Freesailing was not immune to this in April. The Moyes Cup, to be sailed by X Boats on April 13th was postponed by unanimous decision of all skippers in attendance to June 30 due to threats of rain and a stubborn, south easterly breath of wind that would have been very nearly no fun to contend with. June 30th should be much better for our X Boat captains in all regards.

Weather is not the only factor we have no control over impacting our sailing. A large park event has been scheduled to take place on August 17th, the original date of the Skipper's Cup All Freesail Handicap Race. I'm told that the featured act- of course a name I'd never heard before,

sold out all tickets very soon after they were made available. To avoid any park access issues, including parking, the Skippers Cup has been moved to June 23rd.

As always, please check the Club sailing schedule periodically as dates for our races are known to move around from time to time.

Our second M Boat race of the season featured lovely weather and a solid turnout of 10 boats! Two of our Club members who live outside of the bay area travelled to participate- John Fisher coming from the midwest and Jon Rosen from southern California. Yes! Freesailing is that addictive! Ok, well, maybe they had other motives for being in the Bay Area at the time but I hope their sailing was a highlight! Thanks the Jeff Stobbe for providing boats for their use! I had plenty of fun with "Windsplay" in the second M Boat race of the season but only managed to score 2 points and the highly coveted brass screw for the day. Those further up in the results enjoyed very close racing with a tie being decided by the winner of their shared beat. We only have two Freesail races scheduled for May- The X Boats will be sailing for the Tofte Cup on Saturday May 11th and the M Boats will be sailing their Race 3 on Saturday May 18th Looking forward to seeing you there!

M Class Freesail Race 2, April 21, 2024

by David Sands, Fleet Captain, photos by Mike Stobbe

Mike Stobbe, Dave Sands, and Bernard Price leave Heartbreak Harbor. It was the most beautiful day to be at the lake.



The Lake was relatively calm, compared to a blustery Saturday the day before, when 10, yes 10, freesailers stepped out to vie for brass. We welcomed out-of-towners Jon Rosen and John Fisher, from Oceanside, CA and Iowa respectively. It was an absolutely gorgeous day at Spreckels, with very light to medium light winds from west to south.



Member John Fisher, from Iowa, was able to join us, a slight detour from vacationing in Monterey. Stephen Ma and Jeff Stobbe on the bench.

It was the usual slow start at Heartbreak Harbor, especially Dave's boat doing three 360's. Problem was a loose quadrant. Thanks to Bernard for going back to the club to get a set of hex keys to tighten my boat quadrant. Later problems prompted David to retire from the race.



Colleen Stobbe and Jason Spiller are in lockstep on their beat. Jason went on to win overall.

It was a long race of five boards with a number of collisions, although no real damage, changed the scoring. The South shore also beckoned a few boats. There were quite a few very close finishes, which kept things interesting. Mike Stobbe had four finishes

separated by no more than two feet. With 10 boats, the schedule called for a four-boat start on the final round. Colleen managed to collide with all three of her competitors within the space of a few seconds: a new record, I believe.

Member Jon Rosen from Oceanside was visiting San Francisco and also was able to join us. Here he starts the beat ahead of Jeff Stobbe, as Bernard Price looks on.



Results as follows:

First Place - Jason Spiller-29 points (Won the beat!)
 Second Place-Mike Stobbe-29 points
 Third Place-Jeff Stobbe-28 points
 Fourth Place-Colleen Stobbe-24 points
 Fifth Place-Jon Rosen-22 points
 Sixth Place-John Fisher-20 points
 Seventh Place-Rick Weiss-14 points
 Eighth Place-Stephen Ma-8 points
 Ninth Place-Bernard Price-2 points
 Tenth Place- Dave Sands-DNF

All in all, it was a nice sunny day on the water!

RC Sailing -- News Ramblings

text & photo by Ryan Schofield, RC Sail Squadron Officer

Sailing was very good in April. The Star 45 fleet started out on the first Saturday of the month. Turnout was very good. Rob tells me that about ten Star 45 skippers came out and sailed. Dick Hunter won the day with Rob in second.



Sailing was close and all of the skippers had a good time.

Next up was the Santa Barbara fleet on Sunday the 14th. Seven skippers came out to sail. Three new skippers sailed with varying results. Jim Mccellan who purchase Jim Harrold's boat, sailed well most of the day with mixed results, sometimes doing well, other times struggling. Ronald Ulrich finally made it out to sail his new to him SB. Jim Harrold gave him some pointers and helped him for the first several races. Ronald enjoyed himself and I'm sure he will learn more about sailing his Santa Barbara. Ronald brought his son who sailed the boat at least once and had fun.

Next up was Dave Sands who was sailing Ken Shapiro's old boat. Dave did a good job sailing the boat and I am sure he will be back next having learned some about how to sail a Santa Barbara well. Our more experience group was a bit small, but none the less the other four skippers sailed some competitive races. Rob Weaver dominated the day by sailing very well. Elliot won two races while sailing very well through some challenging wind shifts. Jason sailed well all day with a second place finish in race eight.

Sailing throughout the day was challenging with wind being up and down, and some big shifts. My boat was going well, but Rob seemed to have better luck than I did passing me to finish first five times. Racing was close many times during the day and sometimes decided by fickle wind near the top of the lake finish line. The Santa Barbara fleet will miss having Jim Harrold sailing and giving good advice to fleet members. I am sure the Santa Barbara fleet will have a good season, and our new sailors are enthusiastic and eager to learn how to sail their, new to them, boats better.

The I 54 fleet sailed on Saturday the 20th with seven skippers. Our always competitive group of skippers did not disappoint with everyone sailing well at times. The finishes were close at times and having a lead did not mean one was secure at all. Even though I did well for the day with five firsts, it was not easy to lead and cross the line first, several times. Good luck and maybe some good speed helped.

Bob Gallagher and Bob Pinotti both sailed very well although the results did not always show that. Jim Harrold tuning his boat often had some challenges with boat speed, but being the excellent sailor he is, overcame those challenges to sail very well. Jason had an up and down day, but I think he had good speed, but just not good luck. There were many crowded mark

roundings where being in the right spot made a big difference. I have to say this a fine fleet to sail in and our skippers and very much Corinthian sailors. I see good things for the I 54 fleet in 2024.

On another note, I am working to return to the Wheeler and 10 rater fleets. My Wheeler rebuild is gaining momentum with bulkheads now installed in the boat from bow to stern. More work on the boat is in the works. I hope to return to the Wheeler fleet later in the summer. After damaging my mast head at the Petaluma sail day in 2023, I then had a large piece of plywood fall on the mast while I was fixing it, which crushed a portion of the mast. Repairs have started on the mast and it should be ready to sail for the next 10 rater sail day.

May 18 and 19 the club will have a booth at the Power and sail Expo in Redwood City at Westpoint Harbor. Volunteers are needed to bring boats to demo sail and be displayed static at our booth. Please get ahold of me at rssailor@yahoo.com or Gene Erickson at ewe54@yahoo.com. We need power and sail squadron members to come and man the SFMYC booth. Please come and enjoy the show, there is no cost to get into the show for our volunteers. This is a great opportunity to show off our fantastic hobby/sport to the boating public. Hope to see all of you around the club or at an event in 2024.

Victoria Fleet – “Official” Race day #2--In the Books

text & photos by Michael Fisher

Well, Victoria skippers, it is hard to imagine a more perfect day for racing at Spreckels. Today's onshore breeze was much more gentle than Windy.com had predicted. The Vortex, while omnipresent, made itself obvious so boats could skim the edges on their ways to the next mark. Mostly.

Ten boats competed.

The Captains (lake view) were Dave Powell, Wally Wahlander, Jim Forbes, Bob Heacock, Dick Hunter (the race director) behind Terry Palu in the brown leather hat, Jon Ely, Jerry Pugh, David Green, Mike Kelly and Mac Lowry.



Terry, who bought #11 from Mike Kelly, had her in the water for the first time--he's just getting the hang of it, which had some of the racers dodging to get around him. We look forward to his company!

The captains – shore view



Terry, bought #11 from Mike Kelly

Also ashore was Jack Hockel, Jim's friend, as a keenly engaged observer. And Mac's wife, come to watch how well his sailing skills have progressed. Norman Tuck stopped by favoring his bum foot-- Dr. Hunter and I urged him to continue to ice it until the swelling is gone. No fee was charged. We missed Dave Klinger, who was called away at the last minute to assist a friend in need. It's always a delight to see former Commodore Dave Sands, who often strolls over from his nearby home to keep his eye on our fleet.

John Blackburn was elsewhere, but he sent Bob with a box of plenty of home-baked cookies: chocolate chip and oatmeal-raisin. They beat our usual Oreos all hollow. Thanks, John--see you next week.

How was the sailing, you might ask? Well, there was some excellent strategizing, some good positioning, some great rig-setups with telltales streaming as they should. There was also some pinching, some frustration as several boats found themselves slowly drifting backwards in irons, and several boats which grew entirely too fond of each other's close company. Four different skippers finished with at least one bullet: Jon, Jim, David and Wally--Wally had a string of three first-place finishes in heats 4, 5 & 6. Contact between boats was rare, and spins quickly completed. Look at the YTD scores: the top 5 are pretty darn' close. And the next 5 are close to each other, as well. Every one of the second-five scored in the top four in at least one heat. Excellent!

Jim Forbes and David Green
in close competition



Wally nipping at Jim's transom on the second upwind leg of a little-box/big-box course.



Jerry skating the offshore edge of The Vortex just as Bob is about to enter it, and Dave P has just left it behind.

We missed Kathy, the cheerful round-the-lake walker. But we did have some humorous diversions:

Another around-the-lake fast-strider with a tiny little dog trying gamely to keep up. And some music this time: the fiddler, right next to the start-line.



The fiddler



Strider with dog



All in all, a fine place to be with a fine group of skippers.

ODOM RACE DAY #2 RESULTS

by Richard Hunter

Greetings. Sixteen ODOMs sailed today in our second race day of the 2024 season. Attached are two files tabulating today's results and the series results through the first 16 races.:

Congratulations to all for a fun day of sailing.



SFMYC 2024 ODOM RACING SERIES Race Day #2 4/9/24



Position	Sail #	Skipper	Score	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8
1	705	Dick Hunter	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1
2	21	Dave Misunas	25	3	8	4	2	3	3	8	2
3	650	Bob Pinotti	27	5	5	2	4	4	11	1	6
4	28	Jim Harrold	29	4	2	6	5	2	12	5	5
5	798	Bob Gallagher	29	7	4	3	3	13	4	4	4
6	782	Eric Saxon	41	6	7	10	6	8	5	2	7
7	594	Richard Ludt	44	12	10	5	12	6	2	6	3
8	64	Tom MacDonald	50	2	3	12	8	10	8	10	9
9	42	Jason Spiller	58	9	15	8	10	7	9	7	8
10	102	Nick Mulford	66	10	13	13	9	5	6	11	12
11	213	Dave Green	66	11	6	9	7	14	14	9	10
12	2	Jon Ely	75	8	12	14	13	12	7	12	11
13	1	Joe Steiner	85	14	14	7	14	11	13	13	13
14	98	Mary Rose Cassa	88	15	9	15	11	15	10	14	14
15	780	Ron Anderson	95	13	11	11	17dnf	9	17dns	17dns	17dns
16	1154	Dave Sands	111	16	17dnf	16	17dnf	17dnf	15	15	15

Number of races held: 8
Number of throw outs: 1
Throw outs highlighted in grey



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2	21	Dave Misunas	44	4	4	5	2	2	5	4	1	3	8	4	2	3	3	8	2
3	28	Jim Harrold	55	6	3	2	4	4	4	7	3	4	2	6	5	2	12	5	5
4	650	Bob Pinotti	71	7	10	7	9	3	8	5	5	5	2	4	4	11	1	6	6
5	798	Bob Gallagher	80	10	9	4	3	10	7	9	9	7	4	3	3	13	4	4	4
6	594	Richard Ludt	81	5	5	6	8	6	3	8	8	12	10	5	12	6	2	6	3
7	64	Tom MacDonald	87	2	6	9	7	7	6	6	4	2	3	12	8	10	8	10	9
8	62	Chris Sullivan	125	1	1	3	6	5	2	3	2	17dnf	17dnf	17dnf	17dnf	17dnf	17dnf	17dnf	17dnf
9	782	Eric Saxon	131	8	8	16dnf	16dns	16dns	16dns	16dns	16dns	6	7	10	6	8	5	2	7
10	1	Joe Steiner	144	12	13	10	11	8	10	2	7	14	14	7	14	11	13	13	13
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16	2	Jon Ely	182	15	14	16dnf	16dns	16dnf	16dns	16dns	16dns	8	12	14	13	12	7	12	11
17	15	Norman Tuck	191	14	11	12	10	11	11	10	10	17dnf	17dnf	17dnf	17dnf	17dnf	17dnf	17dnf	17dnf
18	1154	Dave Sands	222	16dnf	16dnf	16dnf	16dnf	16dnf	16dnf	16dnf	16dnf	16	17dnf	16	17dnf	17dnf	15	15	15

Number of races held through 04/09/24: 16
Number of throw outs: 2
Throw outs highlighted in grey

11 years ago -- Racing Santa Barbaras & ODOMS

by Michael Fischer



Santa Barbaras, 2013

ODOMS, 2013



Late Breaking News

The Northern California All Hobbies Swap Meet 2024

by Blaine Russel



400 modelers attended

SFMYC and the Redwood Empire Model Shipwrights were represented at the premiere event of 'The Northern California All Hobbies Swap Meet 2024.'



Jim Forbes & Ken Knipmeyer help set up.

About 400 hundred attendees this year and a few more. We always have had a lot of interest in our boats over the years and we love to share our stories about them.

Our boats were featured on-stage

This is such a great forum to showcase what we do. Always fun talking one on one with folks asking questions about our hobby.

I would personally thank all who brought boats and sailboats to show and talk about them. Thank You : Gene Ericksen, Ken Knipmeyer , Ron Weyhrauch, Spencer Zootis, Randy Smith, Jim Forbes, Chuck Davis, and Blaine Russell.



It's always a fun time sharing our passion and Hobby !Blaine

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Please do send your ‘wanted’ or ‘for sale’ ad(s) with 2 lines only, one photo that will get edited and sized down to fit, and include your email or contact info.

For Sale

-- More free Boats.

Two boats were found in front of the clubhouse, in various states. Any member is welcome to take them!

Contact Vice Commodore Carl Brosius at cbfuture@aol.com